## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

## **DOCKET NO. 2005-387-E**

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-836, has filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to, if appropriate, implement Section 1254 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("EPAct").

On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the EPAct. The EPAct requires state commissions, with respect to each electric utility for which the state commission has ratemaking authority to consider certain standards to encourage better utilization of energy resources. Section 1254 of the EPAct requires each electric utility to make interconnection service available, upon request, to any electric consumer that the electric utility serves. Interconnection services are to be based on the standards developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), as they may be amended from time to time. Specifically, the EPAct references IEEE Standard 1547 for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems. In addition, Section 1254 of the EPAct requires that agreements and procedures be established such that the services offered promote the current best practices of interconnection for distributed generation, including but not limited to practices stipulated in model codes adopted by associations of state regulatory agencies.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter pursuant to 26 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-821 (1976 and Supp. 2005) has been scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2006, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at 803-896-5100.

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